

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 159

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Leo McGee for
laudable service to higher education and
Tennessee Technological University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those outstanding University leaders and administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leo McGee is one such estimable person who has enjoyed a distinguished career in higher education, having served with integrity and probity as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Tennessee Technological University (TTU) for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McGee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Philander Smith College and a Master of Arts degree, as well as Elementary Teacher Certification, from Ohio State University; he went on to obtain a doctorate in Educational Administration, also from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McGee has been extensively involved in obtaining grants in support of the University and pedagogy; and

WHEREAS, his professional experience with TTU dates back to 1977, when he joined the University as Assistant Dean of Extended Education; since then, he has served as Associate Dean of Extended Education, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McGee has also been professionally involved with the Chicago, Illinois and Columbus, Ohio School Systems, as well as Ohio State University and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a prolific writer, Dr. McGee has had his professional and creative work published in *Phi Delta Kappan*, *Harvard Institutes for Higher Education*, *Adult Leadership*,

Journal of Negro Education, Tennessee Adult Educator, Liberator, Good Housekeeping, Ebony, Chronicle of Higher Education, and many other prestigious journals; he has also had published several books and monographs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McGee received national recognition when his *Good Housekeeping* article was made into a Lifetime Network television documentary; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. McGee is the recipient of a plethora of awards and honors for his outstanding achievements, including Ohio State University's Distinguished Scholar Award, Phi Delta Kappa International's Outstanding Young Education Leader of America Award, and Philander Smith College Alumni Association's President's Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McGee has been a Fellow at both the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management and the University of Tennessee Leadership Institute; he also was elected President of the Cookeville Rotary Club and served from 1999 until 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McGee exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community, as well as the dedication to professional excellence, that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Leo McGee on his exceptional service to higher education in Tennessee as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Tennessee Technological University, and wish him continued success in all of his endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.